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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

TRUSTEES RECORD

NO. 1

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Before me the undersigned an acting notary public within and for the county of Allen, personally appeared Samuel Hanna, Charles E Sturges Allen Hamilton John E Hill and John Cochran trustees of the first Presbyterian Church at Fort Wayne and on their solemn oath say they faithfully discharge their duties as trustees of said Presbyterian at Fort Wayne according to the best of their ability [illegible] [illegible]

Sworn to before me the 12th day of April 1843

C C Jefferds
Notary Public

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of April 1843 Samuel Hanna, Allen Hamilton John E Hill John Cochran, Charles E Sturges trustees of the first Presbyterian church at Fort Wayne appointed by the act of the General assembly of the State of Indiana approved January 25th 1843 met and was qualified as such trustees

On motion of Charles E Sturges Samuel Hanna was appointed President of the ~~board~~ of trustees John E Hill Treasurer and Allen Hamilton Secretary

On motion of Allen Hamilton - Samuel Hanna and John Cochran were appointed a committee to rent the farm, devised by [illegible] Hughes to the 1st Presbyterian Church ~~and~~,

On motion of said Hamilton Charles E Sturges and John E Hill are appointed a committee to insure unto the use of

On motion of Allen Hamilton - Samuel Hanna and John Cochran are appointed a committee to employ a sexton for the Church for one year

On motion of Charles E Sturges ~~[illegible]~~ that Secretary is directed to issue a request to the Rev. Mr Rankin to have a collection taken up in the church once a month to defray the expenses of the church of lighting — fuel — sexton

On motion of John Cochran, it directed that the middle tier of ~~four~~ pews in the church be rented for one year, to the highest bidders, the same to be classed as follows, to wit 8 choice seats to be rented at not less than seven dollars each, 4 of what is termed the 2d choice seats at not less than five dollars, and six of what is termed 3d rate seats at not less than three dollars each the renting to take place at the church next ~~tu~~ tuesday week

It is moved that John E Hill be appointed to procure a deed from the County of Allen for the lot of ground on which the ~~lot~~ church is situated

Samuel Hanna retiring from the chair

President Pro tem

On motion of John Cochran, it is ordered that thirty feet off the west side of lot Number seven of Hanna's addition to the town of Fort Wayne at the sum of One Hundred twenty eight dollars and give the note or statement of this corporation for the same –

It is moved by C W E Sturges that John E Hill procure a deed for the above 30 feet of lot No 7. and for a piece of ground on fractional lot back of the church ~~here~~ donated by Saml Hanna known as fraction lot 273

Samuel Hanna returned and resumed the chair

And the Board adjourned until tuesday next unless sooner called

Attest

Allen Hamilton
Secty –

Saml Hanna Prest

Tuesday 25th April 1843 The trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne met at the office of Samuel Hanna in the town of Fort Wayne Pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Present Samuel Hanna John E Hill Wm Cochran and Allen Hamilton.

Whereupon the trustees settled with the Revd A T Rankin for the balance due him for his services as Pastor of the first Presbyterian Church up to 1st September 1842, and agreed upon the balance at that time to Mr Rankin at two hundred dollars

Attest
Saml Hanna Pres

Allen Hamilton Secty

Monday 23d day of October 1843 The trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne met at the office of Samuel Hanna in the Town of Fort Wayne, Present, Samuel Hanna John E Hill - John Cochran and Allen Hamilton trustees when Mr Rankin being present he acknowledged to have received of Jesse L. Williams the sum of Sixty dollars, in May last also twenty five dollars from Jesse L. Williams ~~cash~~ in the month of September last, also, five dollars from John E Hill, also two dollars fifty cents from Saml Hanna, also five dollars from John Cochran credit on Hamilton & Williams store and three dollars for Jesse L Williams credit in same store making one hundred dollars, to be deducted from the sum due him up to 1842 leaving yet due him one hundred odd dollars -

[illegible]

At a meeting of the church & Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne Allen Co Indiana Nov 25. 1845 agreeable to a Notice given from the Pulpit by Mr Dickson. Saml Hanna was called to the chair & Jesse L Williams appointed Secy

On motion of Saml Bigger the following persons were unanimously Elected Trustees of said church to serve for one year & until their Successors are duly elected, Saml Hanna, Charles E Sturges, Jas H Robinson, Robt W Townly & Benj H Tower, On motion ~~the meeting adjourned~~ of Jas H Robinson It was

Resolved, That the Trustees be advised to obtain a subscription of $1000 the present year from the members of this Congregation to defray its expenses & for the settlement of claims against the same

Resolved that the Trustees make an estimate to the best of their Judgment the proper proportion for each person to pay towards the expenses of this Congregation & endeavour to obtain subscriptions accordingly

Resolved that this Congregation will meet annually on the first Monday in Jany for the Election of Trustees & the transaction of its annual business at which meeting the Trustees shall make a report of their receipts & expenditures & the situation of the finance of the Congregation

Resolved. That a collection be taken up the 1st Monday in each month to aid in defraying the expenses of the Congregation

Resolved. That in order to facilitate the duties of the Trustees we will call on their Treasurer & pay our respective subscriptions quarterly

On motion adjourned

Saml Hanna Chairman

J L Williams Secy

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church held at Judge Hanna's Office on Thursday evening Dec 5. 1844 present Saml Hanna, Jas H Robinson B H Tower & Robt W Townley. On motion of Jas H Robinson Saml Hanna was elected President & Robt W Townley Secretary & Treasurer

Resolved that Saml Hanna & B H Tower be a committee to employ a Sexton

Resolved that Jas H Robinson & Robt W Townley be a committee to make out an apportionment of what each member of the Congregation should pay according to a resolution of the Congregation at a previous meeting

adjourned

Robt W Townley Secy Saml Hanna Prest

At a meeting of the Trustees held at S Hanna's office present S Hanna. J H Robinson, B H Tower & R W Townley. Resolved that Mr Mershon be employed as Sexton for the present at $1. pr week. The Sexton shall ring the church Bell at all meetings twice when there is preaching & once for all other meetings & whenever an alarm of fire is given. It shall be his duty to scrub the church once a quarter & always on Friday preceding the communion Sabbath, to sweep & dust the church every ~~Sabbath~~ Saturday. It shall be his duty to fill clean & light the lamps when necessary, & attend to the fire, & see that the house is comfortable, the wood to be furnished in the basement ready for burning he is to be allowed extra for Scrubbing the house

Ft Wayne Dec 12. 1845

R W Townley Secy. S Hanna. Prest

At a meeting of the Congregation of the first Presby church of Fort Wayne Aug 11. 1845

On motion of Dr Ayres. James Humphrey was called to the chair & Jno Hough Jr appointed Secy

Judge Hanna then stated the object of the meeting to be, to learn if this Congregation would authorize the Trustees of the church to purchase a new site directly opposite the one already purchased for the purpose of erecting on it a new church building

After an animated discuſsion on the part of Meſs Robinson, Cochran. Humphry. Bowen. Biggs Hanna & Ayres. It was on motion of Dr Ayres

Resolved. that this congregation do hereby authorize the Trustees of this church to dispose of the lot already purchased & to buy the two Ellsworth lots directly opposite for the purpose of building upon them a new church

adjourned

Jno Hough Jr, Secy James Humphry, chair

At a meeting of the Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian church held at Judge Hanna's office. present S Hanna. Jas H Robinson. B H Tower. C E Sturges & R W Townley — O W Jefferds a Notary public was called in who administered the oath of Office to the Trustees

Whereupon it was Resolved, that the Trustees of the church will convey to Henry L Ellsworth the lot held by them on the S.W. Corner of Berry & Clinton St in this city for $600 & purchase of him 2 lots on the S.E. Corner of said Street for $1150} paying terms Cash $137.50. the lot just above mentioned for $600 & the Trustees mortgage for $412.50 on the lots purchased of said Ellsworth in payment for the same provided said Ellsworth & his wife execute a good warranty Deed for said Lots — adjourned

Fort Wayne Oct 20. 1845

R W Townley Secy

State of Indiana }
Allen County } ss

Personally appeared before me C. W. Jefferds a Notary Public in and for said County Samuel Hanna, James H. Robinson, Charles E. Sturgis, Benjamin H. Tower and Robert W. Townley who being duly sworn upon their oath do say that they will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of Fort Wayne according to the best of their abilities and judgment.

Given under my hand and Seal Notorial this 21st October A.D. 1845.

C. W. Jefferds Notary Public

At a meeting of the Trustees of the 1st P. Church held at the House of our pastor, present S Hanna. J. H. Robinson B H Tower & R W Townley - it was -

Res^d That we as Trustees receive the donation of the Presbyterian Board of Education. & that the thanks of the church be tendered them for the same

Res^d that we agree to form a pastoral library & that this donation be the foundation for the same

Res^d that this library be kept by the pastor for his own use & the congregation under his charge

Res^d. That it is desirable that this library be increased by donation or otherwise & that the Pastor keep a record

[illegible]

-byterian Church, met Monday evening Jany 5. 1846 for the purpose of hearing the report of the Trustees for 1845 and appointing new ones for the year 1846 — John Coleman was called to the Chair & J Mc Banks appointed Secretary whereupon Judge Hanna as President of the Board of Trustees for 1845 read the following report which was accepted

Subscriptions paid up to this date		627.7
Various collections taken up		92.2
		$720.02
Paid H J Dickson	577.89	
paid Sexton	56.12	
paid for Lamps	19.57	
paid for Stove to Tyler	6.27	
paid for Lights	25.21	
Wood, Sawing & Contingencies	21.30	
Cleaning Church	5.25	711.61
In hands of Treasurer		8.41
We yet owe our pastor for the year ending Oct 1. 1845	122.11	
Ballance due Mr Mushon as Sexton from Nov 24. 1844 to Jan 1. 1846 includes a charge of $10 for extra services through the winter of 1845	28.78	150.89
After deducting funds in Trea hands we owe for year 1845		$142.48
We yet have subscribed Considered good	56.00	
" " Doubtfull	76.00	

Old debts standing against the Church

Note to David Archer	80.00	
5 Years Interest	25.00	
Ball due Mr Masters as Sexton to Apl 1844	11.25	
Arrears of Salary to Mr Atchison	103.56	
Balance due on the Bell	15.00	
Note to Judge Hanna for lot in rear of Church	150.00	384.81

On motion of Judge Hanna a Committee of three were appointed to nominate Trustees for the year 1846 Committee Judge Hanna, Wm H Robinson & Jonas W.

John Cochran, Wm S Fower & John Hough an

On Motion of Mr Robinson the Church released to Judge Hanna the lot in rear of the Church

Mr Dickson proposed that the creditors of the church cancel their accounts. Whereupon the following Gentlemen gave the amts attached to their names.
Mr Dickson gave $50. Mr McMahon $28. Judge Hanna $53. Mr Chamberlin his a/c $ B H Fower on Archers a/c $10. J & Williams on Bill $15. Mr Andersons Bill paid by Hanna Allen Hamilton & Jose & Williams $103.

	384.81
Amt we owe after deducting what is considered good in sub	86.48
	471.29
deduct note retd by Judge Hanna for lot	150.00
	321.29
Amt cancelled as above	259.00
	$62.29

The church is thus owing $62.29 Mr Dickson proposed that a contribution be made, upon which

James M Townley gave	$30.	
James H Robinson	10.	
Judge Hanna	10.	
John Cochran	5.	
Saml Bigger	5.	60.00

Judge Hanna further agreed to see Mr Archers & Mr Hills bills settled thus relieving the church from Embarrassment

On Motion of Mr Robinson it was resolved that the Overplus accruing from the Communion Contributions be given to the Poor. — On motion on Mr Robinson, the church consent to dispense with the usual monthly collections — On motion of Gov Bigger. It was Res. That the Trustees be instructed to circulate two Subscriptions. One for the Support of the Pastor, the other to defray the expenses of the Church — On motion of Mr Robinson it was Res that the monthly Collections for Missions be given One third to foreign & two thirds for domestic Missions & that no [illegible] of previous notice, the new Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne, elected at the annual meeting of the congregation held at the church Jan'y 5. 1846, met & organized on the 13th of Jan'y 1846 at the Office of Samuel Hanna.

On Motion it was Resolved to have the following Officers for the ensuing year. A President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Collectors, to raise a pastors salary and One to raise funds for contingent expenses.

On Motion John Cochran was chosen President John Hough Jr Secretary. Jonas Townley Treasurer

On Motion the following districts were set off to the collectors for raising the salary of Rev H. S. Dickson Pastor of the church. 1st District. That portion of the city of Fort Wayne, lying East of Barr Street with B. H. Tower as collector. 2nd District that portion lying between Barr & Calhoun Streets. S. C. Evans collector. 3d District that portion of the city lying West of Calhoun Street. J Hough Jr. collector.

On motion John Cochran was chosen collector for contingent expenses.

On motion of B.H. Tower, the place of business, of subscribers, was chosen as the place on which to call on individuals for subscriptions.

On Motion of Tower it was Resolved, to proceed immediately to raise a subscription for a Pastors Salary, and for contingent expenses, and that for this purpose, each collector to be furnished with a separate subscription book and that subscriptions date back from the 1st of October 1845 and to end October 1st 1846.

. On Motion of Evans, the Office of Worthington & Hough was chosen as the place of future meetings of the New Board. Members present at this meeting John Cochran. S. C. Evans. B.H. Tower & J Hough Jr

Monday evening Decr 28th 1846. Trustees met pursuant to previous notice. Present. Cochran Tower. Townly & Hough. Cochran presiding

On Motion, the note given Saml. Hanna for $125. was received & cancelled, the Trustees having quit claimed to said Hanna the part of Lot No 7. Hanna's addition to Fort Wayne which lot was the consideration of said note. said note being dated April 12, 1843 & signed John E Hill Pres & Allen Hamilton Sec'y.

On motion it was Resolved to take up an additional subscription for Pastors salary to commence October 1st 1846 & end Jany 1st 1847. the same being for one quarter.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet at the usual place on Wednesday evening Dec 30th at 8 Oclock to prepare report for the annual meeting of the congregation

John Cochrane
Pres,

Jno Hough Jr
Sec'y

Wednesday Evening Decr 30th 1846 Trustees met at the usual place pursuant to adjournment. Cochran President. Present Cochran Tower. Townly & Hough.

Unfinished business was then taken up, deficiency in subscriptions ascertained, and amount due the Pastor determined. On motion meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on Saturday evening January 2nd 1847 to make final report for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held Monday evening January 4th 1847 in the usual place of worship.

John Cochrane
Prest

John Hough Jr Secy

Saturday evening Jany 2nd 1847. Trustees met pursuant to adjournment Cochran presiding. Present. Cochran Hough Tower & Townly. Matters relative to final settlement examined & final report prepared. Meeting adjourned

John Cochran
President

John Hough Jr
Secretary

Monday evening January 4th 1847 pursuant to notice from the Pulpit the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church Met for the purpose of hearing the annual report & the annual election of Officers for the ensuing year. On Motion James Humphrey was called to the Chair & J. Hough Jr chosen Secretary.

The evening being excessively stormy & the number present small, on motion it was Resolved that the annual election & other business be postponed one week & that this meeting adjourn to meet at the same place Monday evening Jany 11th. Whereupon the meeting adjourned

James Humphrey
Chairman

John Hough Jr
Secy

Monday evening January 11th 1847 the adjourned meeting of the congregation was opened by prayer by Rev H. Dickson & singing. James Humphrey Chairman, John Hough Jr Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees for the year December 31st 1846 was then read as follows.

"Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees Jany 1st 1847 of the 1st Pres Church. There has been subscribed to the salary of Rev Mr Dickson from
1st October 1845 to January 1st 1847 $915.7
of which there has been collected and paid
over to Rev Mr Dickson the sum of $575. ..
the same being amount of salary due from the
1st of October 1845 to January 1st 1847.
Leaving a balance uncollected & considered
good to be applied to other purposes of $40.7
There is due the Missionary fund borrowed
money to pay Pastors salary 13.9
leaving a balance in the Treasury in notes
for wood, orders on stores &c &c of $26.7
There has been subscribed to the contingent fund
for meeting current expenses of the church $125.6
amount collected 11
" Received 114 2
There has been expended $105.
Leaving a balance to the fund of $ 9.0
There are debts, not presented, against the fund of
about $20. which could be met were delinquent
subscription paid.

Foreign & Domestic Mission fund. Received
of former Treasurer April 25th 1846 $33.
Received of Monthly concert collections up ---
to January 1st 1846. inclusive. 32.
$65.

Amount paid Rev W. S. Rogers agent of the

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Hanna was accepted. On Motion of [illegible] Williams the chairman nominated Williams, Hanna and Hill a committee of three to nominate Trustees for the ensuing year who reported the following persons for the office of Trustees for the year 1847. James Humphrey John Hough Jr. S. C. Evans. I. L. Cook & H. M. Orbison. An election being had they were found to be duly elected

On Motion of Samuel Hanna it was Resolved that the congregation proceed to the election of two person to the Office of Deacon.

After an animated discussion on the part of Rev H. S. Dickson, Maj. Hanna, Robinson. Williams & Ayres as to the length of time ~~of [illegible]~~ for which the Deacons should be chosen to hold their office the subject by general consent was left for future consideration & reflection. On Motion it was Resolved that the election be by ballot. A ballot being had the following persons were found to have received a majority of all the votes. John Cochran and John E Hill were thereupon declared to be duly elected to the Office of Deacon for the 1st Pres Church of Ft Wayne. On Motion of Mr Robinson it was Resolved. That the Session of the Church take such measures as they deem proper for the Ordination of the Deacons elected at this Meeting"

Report of building committee of the new church edifice was then presented as follows.

"The building committee submit the following report. Total amount of the subscription list $7222.00

Amount rec'd on subscription	$5166.25	
" " from Lutheran Church	237.10	
" due on work now done	580.47.	
Total amt expended		$5983.82
Amount available on subscription	$1207.69.	
" due from Lutherans on 1st pay't	162.90.	$1370.59

Kind of subscriptions due on the $1370.59 supposed to be available.

Painting	$225.00	Cash	$47.78.
Stone trade	45 32	Stone & Lime	230 11
County Orders	50 00	Building Materials	327 69
Notes of Hand	82 15	Carpenter Work	29 80
Plasterers Work	62 50	Trade	107.69.
Lutherans on 1st pay't	162.90		$743.67
	$627.87	- - - - - - -	$627.87
			$1370.94

Out of the above we owe as follows

In cash	$130.00
" Store goods	.234.47
Stone lime & lumber	.216.00.
	$580.47
balance of available subscription	$790.47

Estimates of work to be done

Estimated costs of steps	$453. ; 353	
" " Cupola	$650	
" " Basement	$1200	
" " to finish cornish	$444.50	
" & enclosing apperetory	$142.08	$2889.58.

which report being read was accepted on Motion. After a long and animated discussion with regard to the measures to be adopted for the completion of the new church edifice & the proposal of several measures, none of which were adopted, it was on Motion of Samuel Hanna Resolved "That the whole subject of the completion of the edifice be referred to the building committee and that they be instructed to take the same under consideration & to report some measure to an adjourned meeting to be held at this place".

Whereupon the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the building committee

Monday evening January 18th 1847 New board of Trustees met at the Office of Mr Hough and organized by the election of the following Officers. James Humphrey President John Hough Jr Secretary & I. Cook Treasurer. Present James Humphrey. J. Hough Jr. A.M. Orbison. S.C. Evans & I. Cook.

The Treasurer of the old board then reported the following funds in his hands. On Pastors salary of last year. Towers note $3.75 balance due from Barnett $10. do from M. Griggs $10. from McMelmon $5.00 Order on Hanna $5.00. Chamberlains note $7.00 total $40.75 due Missionary fund $13.98 balance of pastors salary subscription $26.76. Cash on hand Missionary fund $18.93. due from salary subscription $13.98 sum total missionary fund $32.91. Cash on hand of contingent fund

amount subscribed sum collected Total

. On Motion it was Resolved. That the English Lutherans be allowed the use of the Church for public worship from three till five o'clock on Sabbath afternoons & at such other times as will not interfere with the exercises of our own congregations. On Motion it was Resolved that the Secretary be directed to communicate the above resolution to the Officers of the English Lutheran church. On Motion the following districts were established in which to collect the pastors salary. District No 1. That part of Fort Wayne east of Barr Street. No 2. That part between Barr & Clinton. No 3. between Clinton & Calhoun No 4. West of Calhoun. Whereupon Hough was chosen collector in the 1st District. Orbison in the 2nd, Evans in the 3d & Humphrey in the 4th District On Motion it was Resolved That the secretary be instructed to move at the next congregational that the collectors in the different districts be directed to proceed at once & take up subscriptions for the Pastors Salary and that they report to the board the results of their collection to a meeting of the board to be held two weeks hence

On Motion, the Treasurer was directed to procure a suitable book in which to keep the accounts of the church from year to year, and that he be directed to post up in the same, the accounts from the year 1846 & to balance the same showing the amount now in the Treasury

On Motion the Office of Mr Hough was selected as the place of meeting of the board for the ensuing year. On Motion the board adjourned to meet Monday evening February 1st at the same place at 1/2 past 6 OClock.

James Humphrey
President

John Hough Jr

Monday evening Febuary 8th 1847.

The adjourned meeting of the congregation met at the church Meeting being opened with prayer. J. Humphrey Chairman & J. Hough Jr Secy

Report of the building committee by J Hanna Chairman was then made That the only feasible mode of raising funds for the completion of the New church edifice was by opening a new subscription for that purpose.

On Motion of J. Cochrane it was Resolved That a new subscription be now opened for the purpose of completing the basement & cupola & enclosing the church.

After a some discussion on the part of Rev H. S. Dickson, Mess Hanna. Hamilton & Cochrane it was agreed at the suggestion of Rev H. S. Dickson that in case a sufficient subscription could not be raised to complete the basement & cupola & enclosing the church that then a less subscription be taken for the purpose of finishing the basement for a place of public worship.

On motion of J. L Williams it was Resolved that the time in which the subscription be paid & the manner of taking the same be referred to the action of the building committee & that they proceed at once to take up a subscription

On motion of J. Hough Jr it was resolved That for the purpose of meeting the contingent expenses of the church a weekly collection be taken up in the congregation each Sabbath morning.

The meeting then adjourned "sine die"

Meeting of Trustees of 1st Pres Church of Fort Wayne May 17. 1847

Present. Humphrey. Evans. Hough & Cook

The subject of allowing the use of the church to Mr Littlejohn for his temperance lectures was then introduced on a written request from the Rev Mr Mason before the board. On motion of S. C. Evans it was Resolved, That we approve of any measures that will promote the cause of temperance, and that we grant the use of the church so far as we are concerned in it, for the purpose named excepting on Sunday. Wednesday and Saturday evenings, provided the consent of ~~the~~ Lutherans to whom the church has been sold, is obtained in writing, releasing us from any responsibility to them for any damages growing out out of such meetings to the church

Adjourned "sine die" James Humphrey
President

John Hough Jr
Secy

Meeting of the Trustees of the 1st Pres church of Fort Wayne August 17. 1847

Present Humphrey. Evans. Orbison & Hough.

On Motion it was resolved that the sum of Eight dollars per week, be allowed to the Rev James Greer for his services as stated supply to the church, during our destitution of a Pastor.

Whereupon Mess Humphrey & Hough were appointed a committee to wait upon the Rev Mr Greer & advise him of the action of the Board & request his services & acceptance of the compensation offered

On Motion it was Resolved, that we elect a Librarian whose duty it shall be to take charge of & regulate the library of the church And such election being had Rufus Mc French was unanimously elected and the secretary was directed to notify him of his appointment.

On Motion, Mess Humphrey & Evans were appointed a committee to procure a suitable book case.

The Death of Mr I. L. Cook Treasurer of the Board being brought to the notice of the Board on Motion of Mr Evans the following Preamble & resolutions were unanimously adopted. "Whereas it has pleased our Merciful Creator in his all wise Providence to remove from this life our Friend & Associate Isaac L Cook able sufficient number one devoted to the best interest & welfare of the church

2nd Resolved that we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved wife of our departed friend & trust that she will find in an humble reliance on that "God who gave & also taketh away" that consolation which we are incapable of giving & we would recommend her to look to him who has promised to be a "husband to the widow & father to the fatherless & he will prove her comfort & sure support.

3d Resolved That the Secretary be directed to the widow of the deceased a copy of these proceedings.

On motion adjourned "Sine die"

James Humphrey
President

John Hough Jr Secy.

The above proceedings were handed to the widow of the deceased accompanied with the following letter.

Fort Wayne August 17. 1847

Mrs J. L. Cook

Dear Madam

As Secretary of the board of trustees of the 1st Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne I am directed to hand you the enclosed copy of the proceedings of the board at their late meeting. In complying with their order allow me to mingle my individual sympathies with theirs. As a friend one who loved & esteemed your deceased husband permit me also to hope that the source of comfort pointed out may be indeed your

Meeting of the congregation of the
Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne hel
at the Church Monday evening Nov 2nd
Rev James Green being called to p
& John Hough was chosen Secretary
After introductory remarks stating the object
of the meeting to be to consider the ques
of electing a pastor for the church th
Moderator opened the meeting with
Prayer. After introductory rema
of Judge Hanna, Robinson, & others, M
Noel introduced the following resol
Resolved that a vote be now taken
ascertain if this congregation is n
prepared to go into the election of
Pastor.

Previous to the taking of the vote,
amendments were proposed by Mr
Robinson & were lost. On the res
as proposed by Mr Noel the vote was
taken & it was decided not to go in
an election of Pastor.

On motion of Mr Robinson the
vote was taken on a Resolution to
the Rev J. Edwards of Montgomery
& was voted not to extend him an
invitation at present

On motion of Allen Hamilton it
was Resolved that the ladies be
allowed to vote on the questions
the meetings After an animated
discussion Hamilton, Hanna,
Cochran & Ayres in favor & Robinson
at some length opposing, the resolution
inviting the ladies to vote was carried

Hawes be invited to preach as candidate before the church for the Office of Pastor for six months on trial.
The vote being taken it was carried
On Motion of Mr Hough it was resolved that the same salary be given Mr Hawes while preaching as a candidate as was given to our late Pastor the Rev. Mr Dickson that is at the rate of seven hundred dollars per year.

On motion adjourned "sine die"

John Hough Jr
Secy.

Pursuant to Public notice the annual meeting of the church & congregation of the 1st Pres Church of Fort Wayne was held in the church Monday evening Jany 10th 1848 for the purpose of hearing the annual report & the election of Trustees. On Motion of S. Noel A Hamilton was called to the chair & J. Hough Jr chosen secretary. Meeting opened with prayer by J. H. Robison.

The annual financial report of the Treasurer was then read. On Motion of Mr Tower, after some remarks on the part of J. H Robinson, it was ordered that the report be accepted & that it be spread on the records of the Congregation

On Motion of S. Hanna the chair then appointed J. E. Hill, H. Chamberlain and B H Tower a committee to nominate suitable persons for Trustees for the ensuing year which committee nominated John Hough Jr. R. W. Townly. James Humphrey R. M. Finch and J C. P. Morgan.

On a vote being taken they were found to be unanimously elected.

On Motion of J Hough Jr. B H Tower was appointed a committee to make a collection for the payment of Mr Stockbridge as Chorister.

On Motion meeting adjourned "Sine die"

A Hamilton
Chairman

John Hough Jr
Secretary.

fo the year ending December 31st 1847

Amount subscribed to Pastors salary		$699.
Uncollected		15
Amount realized		$684.
Collected from old subscription		34.50
Total realized for Pastors salary		$718.50

There has been expended on Pastors salary as follows

To Rev H. S. Dickson	$350	
" " P. R. Vanatta	15	
" " G. S. Hazard	16	
" " James Greer	144	
" " L. P. Hawes	145	$670
Balance unexpended		$48.50
Collections on contingent fund	$103.96.	
Bal from old Treasurer	11.04	$115.00
Total with Bal of Pastors fund		$163.50

Paid out from the above

Refunded Poor fund	24.73	
Do Infirmary Do	14.00	
Do to Rev H. S. Dickson for lamps	22.00	
Acct of Townley & Evans	17.06	
" for Wood, Oil &c	28.87	
Sextons salary sawing wood &c	56.12	$162.78
Balance on hand		.72
Uncollected balance	$13.00	$13.00
Balance available when collected		$13.72

There is due Mr Stockbridge as Chorister Sixty dollars for which no provision has been made either by contribution or subscriptions your Trustees recommend that immediate provision be made to meet this deficiency

The Deacons report as come into their hands

From the Treasurer for the Poor fund	$24.7
Collections for the same	32.8

Collections for the same 33.39

Total missionary fund $49.39

All of which is respectfully submitted

John Hough jr

Secy & Treasurer for the year ending Dec 31st 1847

Pursuant to call the New Board of Trustees of 1st Pres church of Fort Wayne met at the Office of J. Hough jr. J. Humphrey was called to the chair J Hough jr was chosen Secretary.

On Motion an election was held to chose the officers of the board for the ensuing year

Whereupon James Humphrey was chosen President
J Hough jr Secretary
R H Townley Treasurer

On motion the following collecting districts were established

That Part of Fort Wayne city west of Calhoun Street 1st District
Between Calhoun & Clinton Streets 2nd Do
" Clinton & Barr Do 3d Do
East of Barr Do. 4th Do

Whereupon

Jas Humphrey was chosen collector of 1st District
J. Hough jr Do Do 2nd Do
R. M. French Do Do 3d Do
O. P. Morgan Do Do 4th Do.

On motion adjourned "Sine die"

February 3d 1848.

Jas Humphrey
Chairman

J. Hough jr
Secy.

Meeting of the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held at the Church on Monday evening Mch. 13th 1848

The Rev. [illegible] was called to preside. After prayer by the Moderator, C. P. Morgan was appointed Secretary.

After introductory remarks by the Moderator stating the object of the meeting, Judge Hanna moved to take an informal vote to ascertain the views & feelings of the meeting in regard to the continuance of Mr Hawes as Pastor of the Church, which motion carried Ayes 68 Noes 24. Thereupon Mr Robinson suggested the propriety of taking the vote of the male persons present, when an animated discussion followed between Messrs Cochrane, Hamilton, Tower & Hanna, opposing the proposition of Mr Robinson.

On motion of Mr Hough the meeting went into the election of a pastor, which resulted as follows, the male members alone voting: Ayes 18 Noes 11. And thereupon the meeting went into an election, which resulted as follows: 74 votes cast for Rev. Mr Hawes and 31 votes opposed, males & females voting. When Messrs Robinson & Judge Hanna made some remarks, after which on motion of Judge Hanna it was unanimously agreed that they press the call no further.

On motion of Mr Robinson, after remarks by Messrs Tower & Hanna, it was resolved that Mr Hawes be invited to remain with us to end a year from first appointment.

On motion the meeting adjourned "sine die"

C. P. Morgan
Secy

At a meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held at the Church on Monday [illegible] June 3 AD. [illegible] Convened for the purpose of selecting a Pastor for said Church.

The Rev. W. Gees presiding as moderator - and [illegible] O. F. Morgan was appointed Secty pro tem. On motion of S. Hoff Esq a vote was taken to ascertain the opinion of the meeting prior to going into the election of a Pastor - and decided in the affirmative -

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a Pastor Messrs S. McCune Jr & W. S. Forride Esqr acting as Tellers - When on Counting the votes the Rev Mr Rehilldaffer received twenty votes (20) and was declared duly elected

On Motion of Mr Jn Cochrane it was Resolved that Mr Rehilldaffer be allowed a Salary of Seven Hundred Dollars ($700) Per Annum for his services as Pastor for the ensuing year.

On motion of S. Hough Jr Esqr it was resolved that the Session call Rev. Mr Rehilldaffer

No further business being before the meeting On motion they adjourned sine die

O. F. Morgan
Secty

Annual meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held at the church on Tuesday evening Jany 9th 1849.

On motion of Mr Cochrane S Noel Esq, was called to the chair.

On Motion of Mr A Hamilton John Hough Jr was chosen Secretary.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev I. G. Riheldaffer.

The chairman then stated the objects of the meeting to be, the election of Trustees for the ensuing year and to hear the annual report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, R. W. Townley Esq, then read the annual report, which after some discussion was adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes of the congregation

The congregation then went into an election of Trustees for the ensuing year. and on Motion of Mr Cochrane the Chair appointed Meſs Hamilton. Ayres & Chamberlain a committee to nominate proper persons for that office, who reported the following persons. John Hough Jr. Oliver P Morgan Rufus M. French. Samuel S Dickason and Horace Durrie

On motion of Mr Humphrey the persons nominated were declared duly elected.

A deficit being found in the Treasury, after lengthy discuss between Meſs Hamilton. French. Town

Resolved that the Trustees be instructed to raise ~~the~~ by the usual subscription $900 for the purpose of the support of public worship, and to pay up the arrearages of the past year.

On motion of Mr Humphrey Rev Mr Riheldaffer was requested to urge upon the congregation from the pulpit on Sunday the necessity of a more general & larger contribution on Sunday mornings to the contingent fund.

On motion adjourned "Sine die"

J. Hutthrough Jr
Secretary

S. Noel
Chairman

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne for the year 1848

There has been subscribed for the support of public Worship for the year 1848		680
Am't Not Collected		104.50
leaving the amount realized		575.50
Am't paid out —		
To the Rev L. G. Hay for services as pastor in this Church from Jany 1 to Apl 10	211.93	
To the Rev J. G. Riheldaffer for his Expenses when on a visit to this Church as a Candidate	30.00	
To the Rev. J. G. Riheldaffer on his Salary as pastor from July 1 to Jany 1	273.57	
paid Stockbridge on part as Chorister	70.	575.50

There will probably be realized about $80 from the old subscription, allowing this to be collected it will leave the Church indebted to Mr Stockbridge $30.00 for which no provision has been made

Amount Received from the Contingent fund for 1848

Amount of Contingent Fund brt. over 145.89

Cr –

To amt. paid F. Berreyman	43.53	
" " " for Stoves Lamps &c	37.82	
" " " F. W. Townley & Co as per bill	57.43	
" " " Incidentals	6.75	147.53
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer		1.64

We yet owe Fred. for his services for the year 1848 - 19.72 for which no provision has been made

All which is respectfully submitted

R. W. Townley Treas.

The Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church met at H. Durrie's store pursuant to a call. On motion of Mr Morgan John Young Sr. Esq was appointed President

On motion of Mr French – C. P. Morgan was appointed Secretary of the Board. On motion of Mr Dickerson H. Durrie was appointed Treasurer

On motion the Collection districts as established last year were continued & the following persons appointed Collectors in the respective wards to wit:

Samuel Dickerson	Collector	for	District	No	1
John Young Jr.	"	"	"	"	2
N. S. French	"	"	"	"	3
C. P. Morgan	"	"	"	"	4

On motion Messrs Durrie & Morgan were appointed a Committee to employ a Sexton for the ensuing year & report at the next meeting

Ordered that the subscription be headed as last year "For the support of Public Worship" & that new subscrip books be opened

Ordered that the Trustees assess all persons, at their next meeting, with the amounts each would probably be [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of 1[illegible]

Resolved that the Borough Office be the place of holding the meetings of the Board

On motion of Mr Hough the meeting adjourned sine die

C. T. Morgan
Secy

The Trustees met at the Office of Thos Hough Esq

The meeting was called to order by the President when the minutes of the preceding meeting were read

The Committee appointed to employ a Sexton reported that Frederick Benneyman agreed to serve in that capacity for seventy five pr. annum. On motion Frederick Benneyman was appointed the Sexton for the present year

The meeting then proceeded to assess such persons as they thought would be willing to pay for the support of Public Worship in the 1st Presbyterian Church

This done & no further business being before the meeting they adjourned sine die

C. T. Morgan Secy

of the 7th day of January 1850 –
On Motion of Saml Hamund, Smallwood Noel Esqr
was appointed Chairman and Richd Chute Sectry –
After prayer by the Revd I G Whiledaffer and some
Explanatory remarks from Judg Hamund the
Treasurer H Dunie Esqr Submitted the following
Financial Report

Amount Recd from Subscription	$8.17 68	
" by Weekley Collection	1.78 83	
	$9.96. 51	

Amount pd Revd I G Whiledaffer	$7.20.74	
" " Mr Stockbridge	115.60	
" " Furd Benchin	94.72	
" " " Contingent Ex	65.45	$9.96.51

There is yet due to

Revd I G Whiledaffer	51.19
" Mr I W Stockbridge	14.40
	$65.59

Amt recd by Subscription for the board of Mission from Nov 1/48 to May 1/49	$55.25
" May 1/49 " Nov 1/49	27.27
	$82.52

Which on Motion was accepted
Messrs Humphrey, Hamund & Cochran ware appointed
a Committee to present to the Meeting the names
of Suitable persons to serve as Trustees of the Church
during the Ensuing year who handed in the
Following names to wit, John Brown H Dunie
J H Morss H. P. Ayers & Richard McMullen Esqrs the
Report was recevd and on Motion of Judg Hamund
Messrs John Brown Horrace Dunie J H Morss
H P Ayers & Richard McMullen ware Elected.

Fort Wayne to serve during the ensuing yea
John Hough Jr was authorized and instructed
to take the Subscription list for the purpose of
paying off Church debt of som $3 20/00 make
Collection and make payment thereon

Robt W Townley Esq made a verbal report from
the Building Committee, when after remarks from
Messrs Humphry, Colerick, Tower Chamberlain Drum
Beacon & the Pastor it was on Motion of S Hanna
Resolved

That the Church be finished during
the present year (1850)

On Motion of Richd Chute it was
Resolved

That the building Committee be instructed
to finish the Church in such a style and
raise the funds to do so in such manner as they
may deem most proper.

On Motion of John Hough Jr
Resolved

That each Male Member of the Church
Consider himself as a ~~Committee~~ Member of the Subscription
Committee

Whereupon the Meeting adjourned Sinedie

S. Noel
Chairman

Richd Chute
Sec

January 11 185[illegible] On Mation of [illegible]
was Elected Chairman On Mation John Brown
Richard McMullen was appointed Secty for
the Ensuing Year On Mation of J J Morss
H Dunne was appointed Treasurer for the Ensuing
Year

On Mation of H Dunne J J Morss was appointed
a Committee of one to wait on H Payes and
know If he would Serve as a Trustee or not
then being no business in order the Meeting adjourned
untill next Thursday

Jan 11th/50 Written – Rec;

Rich. McMullen
Sec

At a meeting of the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held in the Basement of the church on Monday evening Jan 8th 1855 Allen Hamilton was called to the Chair & John Hough Jr chosen Secretary. After remarks from Rev J. Edwards relative to the situation of the church & congregation the Treasurers report was read, and on motion of Mr Chamberlain was accepted.

Mr Morgan then read a report from the building committee, which after some remarks, was laid over for further consideration.

On Motion, the Chair appointed J. L. Williams. O P Morgan & Jas Story a committee to Nominate Trustees for the ensuing year who reported the following names. R. W Townley. James Humphrey. Rufus M French B H Tower & Charles Tressilt who thereupon were duly elected.

On Motion of James Humphrey it was resolved to assess the pews which have been sold at Eight per cent on their appraised value, and the unsold pews which should be rented at 10 per cent on their appraised value.

On Motion of Mr Bowen the question of renting one half the free pews was raised by a vote of 16 to 15 it was resolved not to rent any of the free pews

On Motion of R. M Townley it was resolved that the congregation be requested to meet the amounts due for church expenses in advance for each quarter

At a meeting of the Trustees of the 1st Pres Church of Fort Wayne held at the Store of J W Townley & Co Jany 4. 1853.
Present James Humphrey. Rufus M French Benj H Towne. Christian Tresselt & Robt W Townley
On motion James Humphrey was Elected Prest Robt W Townley Treasurer & Christian Tresselt Secy
On motion the several collectors were appointed to the several districts for the ensuing year

On motion of R W Townley the meeting adjourned Sine die

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the 1st Pres Church held at the Store of J W Townley & Co Dec 12. 1853.
Present James Humphrey, Christian Tresselt & Robt W Townley. The object of the meeting being to take into consideration the propriety of appropriating the basement of said church for the [illegible] of a Female School
The Pastor the Revd J Edwards stated at some length the propriety of using the room for this Purpose, as without it It would amt almost to a prohibition in establishing a Female School in connection with our Church as no other room can be had.
On motion of R W Townley the use of said room was granted for the Present for the use of said School. Subject to the control of the Trustees of said Church
Ordered. That the repairs necessary for the School and all other expenses be defrayed by the School

Annual meeting of the congregation of the
1st Presbyterian Church was held in the basement
of the Church Monday evening Jany 2nd 1854
On Motion J. Noel was called to the chair
and John Hough Jr chosen Secretary
Annual report of the Treasurer was then
read and accepted. On Motion A J Mershon
J. Humphrey & H P Ayres were appointed a
committee to nominate trustees for the year
1854 who reported R. W Townley, John Hough Jr,
R. M. French. Wm Jacobs & Christian Trusell
who were duly elected such trustees.
On motion of R W Townley it was resolved to
increase the assessment on the pews to an
average assessment on the appraised value,
of ten per cent, on each of the pews.
On Motion of Allen Hamilton it was Resolved
to increase the salary of Rev J Edwards our
Pastor from $800 to $1000 annually
On motion the Trustees were authorized to
rent such of the unsold pews as were not
rented, for such price as might seem in
their judgement most expedient.
On Motion it was resolved to go into the
election of three Deacons two additional
& one to supply the place of John Cochrane
who in consequence of being an Elder
was excused from duty.
After Prayer by the Pastor & remarks as to
the character of the men to be elected to
the office, Nominations were made and
ballot being had, Robert W Townley, Lewis
J Kirk and John Brown were declared
to be duly elected as such Deacons
no further business being before the
meeting on motion it adjourned sine die
J. Noe

Annual meeting of the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church was held in the basement of the Church, Monday evening Jany 1st 1855 On Motion Mr J. Edwards was called to the Chair & C. P. Morgan was chosen Secretary — The annual report of Robt H. Fowley the Treasurer was then read & accepted On Motion of A. Hamilton the matter of indebtedness of the Church to S. Noel & the Rev Dr C. L. M. G. Hunt for balance on dept for the old Church was referred to the Trustees for investigation On Motion of R. H. Fowley Messrs A. Hamilton Jno Brown & Dr Hynes were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees for the ensuing year (AD 1855) who reported Messrs R. H. Fowley, Jno Hendrix, R. M. French, H. Currie & C. P. Morgan —

On motion of Messrs Hanna the Trustees were instructed to have the Church insured against loss by fire —

On Motion of Morgan Mr Jno. Cochrane was appointed an honorary member of the Bd of Foreign Missions for life

On motion of H. Chamberlain the Trustees are requested to Collect the annuity on the Pews quarterly in advance

There being no further business before the meeting it adjourned

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Jonathan Edwards
Chairman

C P Morgan Secy

First Presbyterian Church June 30th 1875

Congregation met in accordance with previous announcement from the Pulpit and was opened with prayer by the Pastor Rev J. Edwards.

Wm. A. Hamilton was appointed Chairman and Geo. A Irvin Secretary.

Rev J. Edwards stated the object of the meeting and requested the Congregation to unite with him in petitioning Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and this Church, stating at length the motives inducing him to make the request.

On Motion (Esqr Noel)

Congregation agreed to Comply with the request of the Pastor Rev J. E.

On Motion

A Committee consisting of Messrs Williams - Morgan - & Ayres - was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Congregation toward their Pastor Mr Edwards.

On Motion (Esqr Noel)

A Committee Consisting of Messrs. Williams Ayres & Cockran was appointed to correspond with Ministers of the Gospel and others in relation to the Supply of the Pulpit of this Church

On Motion.

A. Committee. Consisting of Messrs Jacobs & Noel was appointed to attend of Presbytery in this place, and make known to that body the action of this Church in regard to their dissolution of the Pastoral relation Existing between Rev. Mr Edwards and this Church.

Committee appointed to draft resolutions as to the feelings of the members of this Church towards Mr Edwards. Reported as follows:

The Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Wayne having been called together by their Pastor Rev. J. Edwards, to consider the subject of a dissolution of the Pastoral relation with a view to his acceptance of the Presidency of Hanover College, it is

Resolved, That we contemplate the proposed dissolution with sadness and sorrow alleviated somewhat by the consideration that in the Providence of God this removal of our Pastor will be to a position of higher and more extended usefulness to the Church at large.

Resolved, That in leaving the question of removal to his own sense of duty, and to the judgment of Presbytery, without formal and pertinacious remonstrance on our part, we cannot but refer with thankfulness to the cordial and kindly relations which have existed between Pastor and people during the four years of his labors here, nor should we withhold an expression of our high estimate of his usefulness amongst us, a faithful Pastor, a sound and able Minister of the Gospel fully evinced in the strengthening of our beloved Church, and in the additions to its membership.

Resolved, That his zealous efforts in the cause of education resulting in the establishment amongst us of the Fort Wayne Academy, Male and Female, so promising of good to our children and to the community entitle him to our warmest thanks.

Resolved, That in assuming the Presidency of Hanover College, should such be the result, he carries with him our kindest regards and good wishes and our fervent prayers that a Holy Providence may guide and direct him in all his efforts, God's glory.

On Motion, Resolutions were adopted.

On Motion, It was ordered that the resolutions be published in

Pursuant to Public notice from the Pulpit the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne met in the basement of the Church Monday evening Sept 3d 1855

On Motion Smallwood Noel was called to the Chair and John Hough Jr chosen Secretary

On Motion of Samuel Hanna it was.

Resolved

That it is expedient at the present time to go into the election of a Pastor.

A vote being had the above resolution was adopted.

A ballot was then had for Pastor and Rev John M Lowrie was found to have received Twenty five votes. Rev Mr Dickson, one vote, and blank two votes.

On motion it was resolved to extend a call to Rev Mr Lowrie & that his Salary be fixed at One thousand dollars per annum.

On motion. J.L. Williams, J Cochrane, & H P Ayres, were appointed a committee to make the call in behalf of the congregation.

John Hough Jr
Secretary.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church was held in the Basement of the Church, Monday evening the 7th of January 1856

[illegible]otion S. Noel was called to the chair & Stin Hough Jr Chosen Secretary

On motion, without ballot, the old board of Trustees were reelected without ballot

On motion of James Humphrey it was Resolved That the Trustees be instructed to have the Church lighted with Gas

On motion of S. Hough Jr it was Resolved That the assessment on the Pews be ten per cent as the previous year

On Motion of R. H Townley, it was resolved That $600 be raised for the purpose of Completing the Church by a committee consisting of Cochrane Humphrey & Henry Chamberlain

J. L. William then gave a verbal report as to the prospect of obtaining a Pastor

On Motion of H. Chamberlain it was Resolved That the Trustees be authorized to secure a Chorister for the Children as soon as practicable

On motion of J. L. Williams it was Resolved That the Trustees be instructed to continue the insurance on the Church.

Meeting adjourned

Sim Hough Jr
Secy

S. Noel
Chairman

Ft Wayne Jany 13. 1857

Pursuant to adjournment the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church met in the lecture room of said church and on motion, J. L. Williams, was called to the Chair, and A.C. Probasco was appointed Secretary.

The Treasurer presented his annual report which on motion was accepted.

The meeting then went into an election of Trustees for the year 1857 and the Chair appointed Saml Hanna Stinbechson & HP Ayres a committee to nominate, who after consultation presented the following names R. M. French H.P. Ayres. A. McLaughlin J. Hough Jr & O.P. Morgan.

On Motion of S. Hanna, report of committee was adopted and the persons named, were duly elected Trustees for the ensuing year

On Motion of R W Townley, the Trustees were instructed to take into consideration the propriety of having additional light in the church.

On Motion of H P Ayres it was

Resolved, That the congregation repay one hundred dollars of the money received of the ladies of the congregation and used for the purpose of cleaning the church.

On Motion adjourned

A.C. Probasco
Secy.

J. L. Williams
Chair

Fort Wayne Jany 3. 1858

Annual Meeting congregation was called to order by the appointment of John Cochrane Chairman & John Hough Jr Secretary

Treasurers Report read and on motion was approved and and adopted

On motion of S. Hanna the old Board of Trustees. R M Trench. H P. Ayres. A. McLaughlin. J. Hough Jr and C. P. Morgan were duly elected Trustees for the year 1858 by unanimous vote without ballot.

On Motion of R. W Townley it was Resolved That the Trustees be instructed to pro rata the indebtedness of the church on the Pews according to their value with a view to collecting from each Pewholder so as to liquidate the entire debt of the church

On motion adjourned

John Hough Jr
Secy.

John Cochrane
Chairman

Fort Wayne Jany 7th 1859
Annual meeting of congregation
was held in the church On motion
J. Hanna was called to the chair
John Hough chosen Secretary
Treasurers report & approved
On motion O G Cochrane. H. P.
Ayres. & J Humphrey were appointed
committee to nominate Trustees
for the ensuing year who reported
O. P. Morgan. Calvin Anderson
A D Brandriff. John Hough.
& R W Townley who were duly
elected. On motion meeting
adjourned.
John Hough
Secy

Fort Wayne Jany 4th 1866

Annual meeting of the congregation was held in the church. On motion J. L. Williams was called to the Chair & O P Morgan made Secretary. ~~Treasurers report read and~~ approved. On motion of J. Hanna the old board of Trustees were duly elected for the ensueing year. No further business being proposed meeting adjourned

J. Hanna Pres

O. P. Morgan
Secy

Annual Meeting of the congregation was held in the Church & on motion S. Noel was chosen chairman and A.C. Probasco Secretary.

Treasurers report read ~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ and on motion approved & adopted

On motion C.P. Morgan, the Chair appointed Saml Hanna. J Cochrane & McBowen committee to nominate Trustees for the ensuing year who reported Wm Sharp. John Brown & Wm. Olison & A.L. Brandriff and James Humphrey which nomination was approved, and they were unanimously elected such Trustees, for the year 1861

On motion of S. Hanna discretion was given to the Trustees to assess the amount of the indebtedness on the Pews, to be collected by assessment, from the Pew Holders during the present year.

A.C. Probasco S. Noel. Chm
Secy

Annual meeting of the congregation of the 1st Pres Church was held in the church & organized by appointing S. Noel Esq. Chairman & A.S. Evans Secretary Prayer by Rev Mr Armstrong. Treasurers report was then read & on motion was approved and adopted

On motion of J. Hough, the Old Board of Trustees Wm Sharp. John Brown A.M. Olison James Humphrey and A E Braniff were unanimously elected Trustees for the year 1862

On motion of John Brown. A.S. Evans & C.P. Morgan, were appointed to assist him in seating strangers & others not having regular seats.

On motion The Trustees were authorized & instructed to remodel a portion of the seats in the gallery so that they could be rented

Adjourned

A.S. Evans
Secy

S. Noel
Chm

Ft Wayne Jany 12. 186

The annual meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held in the Basement of the church.
On Motion John Cochrane was chosen Chairman & John Hough Secretary.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurers report was read & on motion approved and accepted.

On Motion of A. P. Brandriff, Jesse L. Williams, A. P. Brandriff & H. P. Ayres were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the ensuing year who reported Joseph D. Nuttman, A. S. Evans, John Hough, Rufus M. French, & H. N. Putnam, who on motion were unanimously elected such Trustees for the year 1863.
The Treasurer announced that a subscription had been raised that would liquidate the entire indebtedness of the church which announcement, was received with much approval.
On Motion of Dr Ayres, the Salary of the Sexton was increased to $150 per annum, to commence the 1st of Jany. 1863.
On Motion. A. S. Evans, William Bowen, & John E. Hill, were appointed a committee to seat strangers & those not having regular pews.

On Motion adjourned

John Hough John Cochrane

Fort Wayne Jany 22. 1863

The newly elected Board of Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church for the year 1863 Henry N Putnam. Joseph D Nutman Amos T Evans Rufus M French and John Hough by agreement met at the office of John Hough and first being duly sworn into office by Homer C Hartman a Notary Public proceeded to organize by the election of Henry N. Putnam as President of the Board Joseph D Nutman Treasurer and John Hough Secretary.

On motion John Hough was directed to prepare a deed for the old church lots 63 County addition & 273 Hannas addition to Fort Wayne in pursuance of the contract dated Aug 1st 1846 & made with the English Lutheran Church

On Motion adjourned to meet on call at the same place

John Hough
Secy

H N Putnam
Pres

B

Fort Wayne March 10. 1863

Board met pursuant to adjournment present. Nutman. Putnam Evans French and Hough. Deed to Lutheran church reported approved & executed On Motion It was Resolved. That the salary of Rev J. M Lowrie be increased to 1150$ to commence Jany 1st 1863. On Motion Resolved That the salary be made by additional subscription to be

Pursuant to Public Notice the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ft Wayne met in the Church on Monday evening Jan. 4th 1864. On Motion J.L. Williams was called to the Chair and A.C. Probasco Chosen Secretary

The report of the Treasurer was then read and approved & ordered to be placed on file

On Motion of J.D. Nuttman it was Resolved That this Congregation agree to pay the Rev J.M. Lowrie our Pastor Sixteen Hundred Dollars as Salary for the present year and that the annuity assessed on pews be increased to sixteen per cent on the Valuation

On Motion of Mr Jacobs The salary of the Sexton was increased Twenty five Dollars

The Congregation then proceeded to the election of Trustees for the ensuing year & On Motion Mess Putnam, Nuttman, Evans, Finch & Hough the old board were elected

On Motion of Dr Ayres it was

Resolved. That this meeting do recommend to the Building Committee if practicable, to arrange the seats in the Basement in accordance with the best modern plan for the accommodation of Sabbath Schools Which resolution after some discussion by Mess Ayres, Williams, Evans was duly adopted

On Motion adjourned

Pursuant to call New Board met at the office of John Hough January 26. 1864 present Evans. Putnam. Nutman French & Hough who being duly qualified I.L. Nutman was chosen President of the Board and John Hough Secretary. Bill of John Estill for $35 presented & allowed. Claim of Sexton for Extra services presented and rejected.

On motion A.S. Evans was chosen [illegible]lector of Church contributions. H. N. Putnam was chosen Treasurer of the Church with a salary of $150 per annum.

On motion the Insurance was ordered to be renewed. On motion adjourned on call of President

John Hough
Secy

I.L. Nutman
Pres

Pursuant to call Board met at the office of John Hough Decr 19. 1864 present Evans. French Putnam & Hough. President absent. A.S. Evans was chosen Pres Pro Tem. On motion it was Resolved to recommend the following to the annual Congregational meeting That Pastors salary be made $2000.00

& " Sextons do " " $225.00

" Insurance be made for $12000.00

On motion The Secretary was ordered to prepare a deed for Pews to be given to such parties as required them   On motion adjourned

John Hough

1st Presbyterian Church held Oct 13. 1864
in pursuant to public notice for the
sale of Pews in the church as enlarged
Saml Hanna was chosen Chairman
John Hough Secy & O P Morgan stated
the mode of sale. Each pew having
a value fixed by a committee, the
first choice to be ~~given to~~ given
to the party, who paid the highest
premium, over that valuation.
the second choice to the second highest
bid, and so on. Premiums to be paid
in stock, as far as held by purchasers
& any excess over stock to be paid
in Cash.

H. N. Putnam Treasurer proceeded
to offer the pews

			Pew	Premium
1st	Choice	O. P. Morgan	95	$160
2	"	John Hough	65&66	$330
3	"	Saml Hanna	99&98	" 310
4	"	Mrs E. Evans	61	130
5	"	P. Hoagland	93&94	260
6	"	J. D. Nutman	67	165
7	"	John E Hill	97&101	310
8	"	J. J. Williams	63&64	310
9	"	E. P. Williams	116	130
10	"	A. D. Brandiff	60&52	140
11	"	A Hamilton Estate	68&69	
12	"	J. H. Robinson	92	
13	"	Saml & Willis Hanna	90	$45
14	"	H. P. Ayres	71	25
15	"	Francis Mc Elfatrick	124	
16	"	R. M. French	91	$10
17	"	James Humphrey	117	100
18	"	John Brown	119	100

21	Choice	W. C. Shroff	121	$45
22	"	Woodward & Young	122	$122
23	"	Sophia C Noll	112	$30
24	"	C. E. Sturgis	113	$60
25	"	Mr Jacobs	44	$10
26	"	C. Bird	43	$10
27	"	A. C. Probasco	13	$25
28	"	Horace Hanna	88	$40
29	"	J. H. Shroff	45	$10
30	"	Calvin Anderson	154	$10
31	"	A. S. Jerman	42	$10
32	"	O. W. Jefferds	11&12	'50
33	"	Henry Hanna.	40	1.00
34	"	Mrs S Chamberlain	145	.50
35	"	Alexander Wiley.	16	5.00
36	"	Mrs. Rowah	10	1.00
38	"	J. C. Davis.	38	Rent
39	"	A. Barnett. Est	41	
40	"	A P Eagleton.	96	160
41	"	J. L. Worden	143	
42	"	A. M. Orbison	72	
43	"	B. H Power	6	
44	"	A. S. Evans.	18	
45	"	Mr Bowen	118	
46	"	H Chamberlain	146	
47	"	J M Lowrie	100	Pastors
48	"	James Story	125	
49	"	Mrs McMullen	128	
50	"	Mrs Ewing	89	
51	"	Mrs Forsyth	14	
52	"	Mrs Wines	15	
53	"	John M Will	157	

congregation, held in the 1st Presbyterian Church, pursuant to Public notice, on 2nd day of January AD 1865. John Cochrane, was called to the chair; & John Hough Chosen Secretary

On Motion of Judge Hanna, the Old Board of Trustees consisting of I. D. Nutman, A. S. Evans, H. A. Putnam, R. M French, & John Hough, were unanimously reelected Trustees, for the year 1865.

Treasurers Report for the year 1864, & estimates for the year 1865, were read & adopted.

On Motion the recommendation of the Trustees, as to the following items, were unanimously adopted.

The Pastors salary, was increased to $2000.
" Sextons " " " " $ 225.0
Insurance " " " " $1200.0

On Motion Samuel Hanna, assessment of Pews for 1865, was fixed at 16 per cent.

On Motion of Dr. H. P. Ayres an appropriation was made for the Benefit of the Sabbath School, of $150, and $200 if there be that sum in the Treasury, after meeting other appropriations.

On Motion, of A. S. Evans, it was Resolved. That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to advise with the session as to reorganizing the Choir, by the selection of a new Chorister, and that this meeting make an appropriation of $250, for salary of such chorister for one year.

Ayres, Hanna, Cochran & others Meeting
adjourned sine die
John Hough
Secy.

Pursuant to Call the New Board of Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church for the year 1865 met at the office of John Hough April 1st 1865. present I. L. Nutman, A. S. Evans, R. M. French H. N. Putnam who being sworn into office by J. T. Watkins Notary Public proceeded to organise by electing I. L. Nutman President & John Hough Secretary and H. N. Putnam Treas.
On motion of Evans the Salary of the Treasurer was fixed at $100.
On motion it was Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to collect the excess over the amount of stock bid on pews, in cash of such parties as have not fully paid for their pews.
On Motion the ~~Secretary~~ was instructed to prepare & have printed deeds for Pews, to be delivered when fully paid for on demand, to such parties as require them.
On motion adjourned
John Hough
Secretary.

met at the office of [illegible] & Hough
June 16. 1865 Present Waterman Pre
Evans. Putnam & Hough
Mess Lowrie & L.L. Williams being prese
the former submitted the offer of
Mrs E. Hamilton to donate $4000 to
the Trustees to be used in buying fo
the use of the church a lot fronting
80 feet on Calhoun Street & running
lengthwise on Holman Street 180
feet to erect thereon a missionary
church & a room for a Sabbath Scho
the Trustees to give back to Mrs
Hamilton a declaration of Trust
as to the extent, uses & purposes for
which said lot was to be held.
On Motion of A.S. Evans it was
Resolved That the donation of
Mrs Hamilton be accepted for
the uses & purposes set forth in
the declaration of Trust.
On Motion of H.N. Putnam it was
Resolved that Mess Lowrie & Williams,
be a committee to wait on Mrs
Hamilton & request a modification
of the terms of her donation.
The Secretary then reported the
form of deed for Pews prepared
& printed for the use of the church
which was read, approved & adopted
On Motion of A.S. Evans it was
Resolved That all future conveyances
notes, declarations of trust and all
other papers necessary to the use of
the Trustees of the First Presbyterian
church for the holding and

ond executed & delivered by the President
cretary of the Board in their behalf.
Motion adjourned
ohn Hough
Secretary

Pursuant to Call the Board met
the office of John Hough Sept 23, 1865
resent Nutman. French. Putnam
nd Hough. Object of the meeting
was stated, to be to consider the
ropriety of increasing the salary of
the Treasurer. After some discussion
it was unanimously
Resolved That the salary of H. N.
Putnam be increased $50 making
his salary $200. Adjourned
John Hough
Secretary

Pursuant to call the Session and
Trustees of the 1st Pres Church met at the
office of John Hough Oct 23. 1865. Present
T. L. Williams. H. P. Ayres. J. D. Nutman
H. N. Putnam. A. S. Evans R. M. French
& John Hough. Object of the Meeting
was stated to be to consider the
health of the Pastor. Rev J. M. Lowrie
After much discussion it was
Resolved That we deem it the
duty of our Pastor to suspend for the
present his Ministerial labors
and that he take a journey for his health
& that for this purpose we appropriate
the sum of Two hundred dollars to

On motion J. L. Williams & J. D. Nutm
were appointed a committee t
notify him of the action of the
Session & Trustees. Adjourned
John Hough
Secretary

At a meeting of the Congregati
of the 1st Pres Church pursuant
Public Notice held on the 1st of Janua
1866. Samuel Hanna was called
to the Chair & John Hough chosen
Secretary. Report of Treasurer was
read & adopted unanimously.
On motion of J. L. Williams. the
old board of Trustees. J. D. Nutman
A. S. Evans. H. N. Putnam. R. M.
French & John Hough were di
elected by an unanimous vote
to serve for another year 1866
On motion it was Resolved that the
Trustees be authorised to pay the
assistant Pastor Rev H. A. Morey
such salary as shall be agreed
upon with the Pastor Rev J. H. Lourie
On motion of A S Evans it was
Resolved That appropriation fo
the Sabbath school of $200 be
continued for another year.
after some congratulatory remar
from the Chair on the prosperou
condition of the church financia
the Congregation adjourned
John Hough
Secretary.

nary 25th 1866 Board of Trustees of
sbyterian Church met at the
e of John Hough pursuant to
e present Nutman, Evans, French,
nam & Hough. Election of officers
ing had J.L Nutman was chosen
sident John Hough secretary
N Putnam Treasurer
Motion Salary of Treasurer was
ed at $200 of Sexton at $250.
hereupon Board adjourned
ne die
hn Hough Secy

eby 28. 1866 Board met at the
ffice of John Hough on the call
the President. Present. Nutman
Evans. Hough & French.
On Motion of Evans the salary of
Rev H. Kory assistant Pastor, was
fixed at One thousand dollars per
year, & that the same be assessed
on the Pews, by an additional
assessment of four per cent on
the Pews in addition to the
regular assessment already
fixed. Adjourned
John Hough
Secy

At a meeting of the Session and
Trustees held at the office of
John Hough held on the evening
of October 26th 1866 It was Resolved
to be the unanimous opinion
of both bodies that in view of
the present state of health of

occasional supply and that for the present the Evening serv[ice] should be dispensed with till such time as the Pastor shall deem it safe to resume his pu[blic] labors. On Motion this decision was ordered to be made to the congregation

Wm Hough
Secy

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church met in the Basement of the church January 5th 1867. John Cochrane was called to the chair & O P Morgan chosen Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and approved.

An election for Trustees for the ensuing year was then had and J. L. Nutman, A S. Evans, H N Putnam, R. M French & John Hough were unanimously elected such Trustees for the year 1867. On Motion of Evans an appriation of $400 was made for the sabbath schools out of monies not otherwise appropriated. adjourned.

O. P. Morgan Secy   John Cochrane Chm

March. 17. 1868. New Board of Trustees met at the office of John Hough and were duly qualified.

J. L. Nutman was elected President John Hough Secretary & H N Putnam Treasurer On Motion Salary of the Treasurer was made $200 Sexton $250.

cost of furnaces & on Motion wa
instructed to purchase two of th
Chubbuck furnaces at a cost of $1
each each. adjourned
John Hough Secy

Board met met Sept 9. 1867 absen
Evans. Hough & French were
appointed a committee to consu
with the different churches of th
city and to employ counsel to
defend against the assessmen
for seweraige & Nicholson pavemen
adjourned
John Hough Secy.

Pursuant to Public Notice the
congregation of the 1st Presbyterian
church met in the basement Jany 13.186
Dr H P Ayres was chosen Chairman
John Hough chosen Secy
Report of Treasurer read & approved
On Motion the assessment on the
pews for the year 1868 was fixed
at 20 per cent on the valuation
& that the Treasurer be instructed to
prepare a printed notice, to be given
to pewholders, stating briefly the
cause of the increase.
The committee appointed to nominate
Trustees for the year 1868 reported
the following persons S. D. Natman John
Hough. H. N. Putnam. O. P. Magan
& L. B. Root. who were unanimously
elected. On Motion the Trustees were
instructed to place iron columns in the

[illegible] On Motion
journed on call of President
Hough Secy

ay 20. 1867 Board met at the office
John Hough. Full board present
Motion. I. T. Orbison was allowed a
lary as chorister of $50. a quarter to
ommence from April 1st 1867
n Motion of Evans a committee of two,
ans & Putnam, were appointed to
consult with the Session as to employing
Mr Mead to drill the Choir, & to advise
with them as to the financial condition
of the church
On Motion the Treasurer was instructed
to pay Mr Evans Supt of the Sabbath school
$75 out of the appropriation made by
the congregation at its annual meeting
adjourned
John Hough Secy

Board met June 27. 1867 at the office
of John Hough full board present
On Motion of Evans the President was
instructed to sign a remonstrance
against building a sewer up Clinton
Street, past the church so as to be a
tax against the church.
On Motion. Evans was appointed
a committee to examine as to
the cost of stoves or furnaces for
the church to report at a future
Meeting. Adjourned
John Hough
Board Met Aug 31. 1867, absent Putnam,

1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne
in the basement of the Church Se
27.1868 at 7 O'clock to consider the
estion, of the election of a Pastor.
v N. S. Smith Moderator, John Hough
cretary, Opened with Singing reading
the Scriptures & prayer
n motion of Dr H P Ayres it was resolved
o go into such an election
Tellers being appointed & a ballot
had, Rev Thomas H Skinner Jr. D.D. of
Staten Island New York had 58. Votes
Rev J H Morey 17 Votes. Rev Mr Reed. 6.
Votes & Wilson 1. A second ballot
being had Rev Mr Skinner received
75 votes. Rev Mr Morey 5 Votes.
On Motion of S. L. Williams it was
Resolved that a call be extended to
Rev Dr Skinner to be signed by the
Elders Deacons & Trustees, attested
by the Moderator & Secretary.
On Motion of C P Morgan, it was resolved
that the amount to be inserted
in the call should be fixed
at Twenty five Hundred dollars
There being no further business,
on Motion of W H Jacobs the meeting
adjourned, sine die, after the
singing of the doxology & benediction
John Hough
Secy
N. S. Smith
Moderator

For further records of proceedings
see page. 97.

[illegible] of a meeting held in the [illegible]
Presbyterian church in Fort Wayne March 17. 184
for the purpose of considering the subject of buil
a New Church Edifice

On motion of Judge Hanna, the meeting was organized by calling Mr. J. H. Robinson to the chair, & on Motion of J. L. Williams John Hough Jr was chosen Secretary
The meeting was then opened with prayer by Rev. H. S. Dickson
The object of the meeting was then stated, and general remarks made as to the spirit with which it should be carried out, by Meſs Dickson, Robinson & Hamilton
On Motion of Judge Hanna, seconded by Allen Hamilton, it was, after some discussion on the part of Meſs Robinson Hanna Hamilton & Mershon with various amendments
Resolved. That it is expedient that the necessary preliminary measures be now taken for building a new church edifice in the year 1846 for the use of the 1st Presbyterian church and congregation.

After discussion on the part of Meſs Tower Cochran, Dickson Hamilton & Ayres, it was on Motion of J. L. Williams

Resolved. That Meſs Saml Bigger, R. W. Townley, Saml Hanna, Allen Hamilton, John Cochran & J. P. Stryker, be and hereby are constituted a Committe to ascertain the practicability of procuring a suitabl lot on which to erect a new Church and the lowest terms on which such lot can be bought and that they report the result of their enquiries to an adjourned meeting to be held in this place on next Monday evening

After discussion on the part of Meſs Hanna, Robinson Dickson [illegible]

otion of I. L. Williams Resolved.
That Saml Hanna, I. E. Hill. John Cochran,
Tower. R M Townley, I. H. Robinson & I L Williams
and hereby are constituted a committee of ways
d Means whose duty it shall be to consider the
t mode of raising the necessary funds and to
irculate subscription papers. and to report facts
as to the whole subject of building a church, size
plan &c and that they report at the adjourned
meeting meeting.

On Motion the meeting then adjourned to meet again at the same place on Monday evening March. 24. 1845.

I. H. Robinson
Chairman

Jno Hough Jr Sec'y

Adjourned Meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne held at the church March. 24. 1845 for the purpose of considering the subject of building a new church.

On Motion Judge McMacken was called to the chair & H. Durrie was appointed Secretary.

Rev Mr Dickson then opened the meeting with prayer.

Samuel Bigger, as Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the subject relative to procuring a suitable lot on which to build a church and the terms on which such lot could be had, then submitted the following report and resolutions.

"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of examining a site for a new church & the matters connected therewith, Submit that they find that the lot on the corner of Clinton & Berry Streets commonly known as the Mrs Jarrett Lot can be obtained at a reasonable price, to Wit for the sum of six hundred dollars on subscription, which the committee believe fair prospect of obtaining at least twenty feet in width adjoining to the foregoing Lot wherefore your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution"

Resolved that the trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church be instructed to examine the title thereto & if satisfied therewith, to procure the said lot aforesaid as soon as practicable for the use and benefit of said church & that steps be also taken to secure at least 20 feet in width adjoining the west said lot.

On motion the above report and resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Williams on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the general subject of raising funds & reporting as to the general subject of a new church then reported the following Resolutions which after some discussion were severally adopted

1 Resolved: That for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution adopted at the last meeting a Building Committee be now appointed to whose discretion shall be committed, the whole subject of raising subscriptions, procuring a suitable plan, making contracts &c

2 Resolved That the following persons, form the building committee provided for in the preceding resolution to wit. Samuel Hanna John Cochran. R. W. Townley Samuel Bigger John E Hill. Jesse L Williams & B H Tower.

3 Resolved That in arranging the details of the plan, the following general outlines be kept in view to wit. that the building be not less than fifty feet wide nor less than Eighty feet long, with a Basement story for Sabbath schools and Lecture rooms and that the cost of the building be not less than seven thousand dollars ($7000)

Resolved That one fifth of all the pews shall be reserved from sale, and remain free for the occupancy of any and all persons, Provided that if at any future time the Trustees may consider the number of free pews, unnecessarily large, they may rent one half of them for the benefit of the congregation leaving one tenth forever free.

5 Resolved That when the building is completed the Pews (leaving out the one fifth of free pews) shall be equitably valued so that their aggregate valuation shall equal the whole cost of the church, including the cost of ground and that they be then sold to the highest bidder, taking the valuation as the minimum price.

6. Resolved That in the purchase of pews the amount which may have been subscribed and paid by individuals shall be taken in payment for said Pew or Pews

7 Resolved That each purchaser of a pew after having paid therefor, shall receive a deed therefor, to be held by him, his heirs or assigns as other real estate, subject to such uniform an equitable tax as the trustees may deem it necessary from time to time to aſseſs to aid in discharging the current expenses of the church and congregation, said aſseſsment to be based on the original valuation, and such tax and aſseſsments shall be a lien and charge upon said Pews

8. Resolved. That the Trustees be authorized to sell the present Church, Lot & Building upon the best terms, reserving poſseſsion of the same untill the new church is finished, and the proceeds of said property [illegible] paid over to the Trustees for the

On motion of Samuel Bigger it was

Resolved, That the Building committee sha so contract, for the erection of the church of the church building that the contractor or contracto & all others shall not hold any lien thereon against the church in its corporate capacity or otherwise, for any work, labor, or materials done or furnished in and about said said building And that in raising the means and paying for the construction and completion of said building the course pursued shall be substantially as follows. First A paper shall be circulated by the proper committee to receive subscriptions to be paid in money, labor, materials, or other property Second the subscriptions so far as may be expedient & practicable, shall be so taken that the person subscribing shall be bound as soon as the building contract may be completed, to execute and deliver to the committee a note or promise in writing, for the payment or discharge of the amount of his subscription payable to the contractor or contractors for such church building according to the terms specified in the subscription paper, every such note or written promise, to be placed in the hands of the committee to be paid or delivered to the contractor or contractors, in the manner which may be specified in the building contract & shall be deemed in all cases when so delivered a payment to such contractors to the amount therein specified without recourse upon the church or its Trustees. Third if any subscriber at the time the Pews shall be offered for sale, shall have failed to pay or discharge the amount of his subscription or any part thereof, and the whether evidenced by the subscription paper or such note or written promise, may when the pews are offered for sale become a purchaser of any such pew or pews and the amount which any subscriber may be in arrear as aforesaid shall be received from such contractor in payment on such pew or pews.

After remarks from Meſs Dickson Hamilton, Bigger, Williams and Robinson the meeting adjourned "sine die"

H Dunne Sec

At a meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne held at the church August 11th 1845 James Humphrey on Motion of Dr Ayers, was called to the chair and John Hough jr chosen Secretary.

Samuel Hanna then stated the object of the meeting to be, to learn if this congregation would authorize the Trustees of the church to purchase a new site directly opposite the one already purchased for the purpose of erecting on it a new church building. After an animated discussion on the part of Meſs Robinson, Cochran Humphrey Bowen, Bigger, Hanna & Ayers it was on Motion of H. P. Ayers

Resolved That this Congregation do hereby authorize the Trustees of this Church to dispose of the Lot already purchased and to buy in place thereof the two Ellsworth Lots directly opposite for the purpose of building upon them the new church Edifice

Committee of the 1st Pres Church of Fort Way
held at the Church on Monday evening o
the 26th 1852 Samuel Hanna was called
the chair & John Hough Jr was chosen
Secretary

On Motion of John Cochrane the following committee were appointed to assess the value of the Pews in the new church edifice in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Congregation held March 24th 1845:

Committee John Cochrane R. W. Townley & James Humphrey.

After some discussion it was resolved to have the dedication of the new Church Edifice on Sunday the 14th day of November A D 1852.

John Hough Jr Meeting adjourned
Secy

At a meeting of the Session Trustees and Building Committee of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne at the Church Monday evening Nov 8th 1852 Smallwood Noel was called to the chair & John Hough Jr chosen Secretary

"On Motion of R. W. Townley it was Resolved

That in consideration of the time expended, and the great services rendered by John Cochrane in the erection of the new Church Edifice the Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian of Church of Fort Wayne be and hereby are authorised and instructed to convey to said Cochrane by deed in fee simple a pew in said new building free of charge to the said Cochrane said pew to be a choice one according to the choice and selection otion of Samuel Hanna Jesse L Williams John Saul. C.P. Morgan & John Hough Jr were appointed a committee to ascertain the amount of the subscription list in the erection of the building, the debts due for the completion of the same with a view to ascertain & report at a future meeting the whole cost of said building.

Meeting then adjourned

John Hough Jr
Secy.

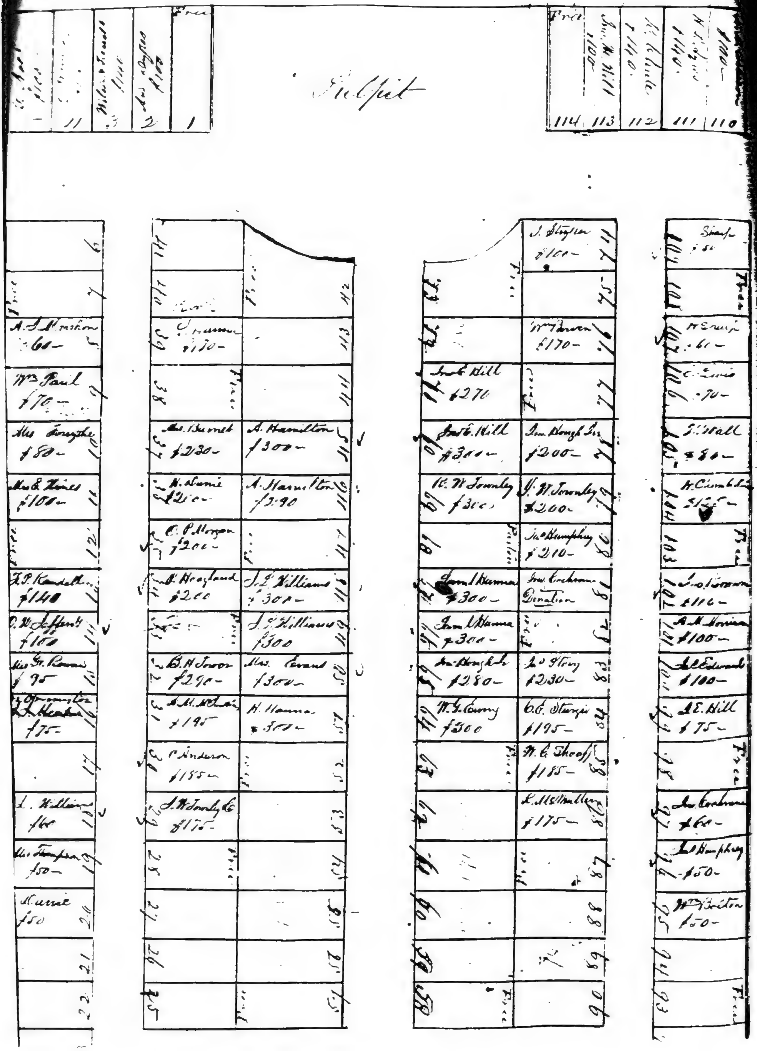
At a meeting of the Session, Trustees and Building Committee of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held at the Church Wednesday evening Nov 10th 1852. Saml Hanna was called to the Chair & John Hough Jr chosen Secretary

J. L. Williams Chairman of the Committee to ascertain the entire cost of the Church building with the cost of the lots appointed at the meeting Nov 4th 1852 reported as follows.

"The committee to ascertain the probable cost of the Church building report that they find it to be about $13500 including the cost of the two lots on which the building is erected".

John Cochrane Chairman of the Committee appointed at the meeting of October 26th 1852 to ascertain and fix a valuation on the pews in pursuance of Resolution Number Five passed at the meeting of March 24th 1845 reported

"In pursuance of the duty devolved upon them your committee report that they have made their valuation on the and made a part of their report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Free
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Jno. M. Hill $100
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111
$100
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Free 7
A. S. Houston $60 5
Wm Paul $70 9
Mrs Forsythe $80 10
Mrs E. Hines $100 11
Free 12
F. P. Kendall $140 13
C. W. Jeffers $100 14
Mrs G. Rowan $95 15
$75 16
17
L. Williams $60 18
Mrs Thompson $50 19
Nurse $50 20
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41
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39 J. Hanna $170
38 Free
37 Mrs. Burnet $230
36 $210
35 C. P. Morgan $200
34 B. Hoagland $200
33 Free
32 B. H. Tower $290
31 $195
30 C. Anderson $155
29 S. W. Townly & Co $175
28 Free
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Free 42
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A. Hamilton $300 45
A. Hamilton $290 46
Free 47
J. L. Williams $300 48
J. L. Williams $300 49
Mrs. Evans $300 50
H. Hanna $300 51
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Free 57
73 Free
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71 Jno. E. Hill $270
70 Jno. E. Hill $300
69 R. W. Townly $300
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67 Saml Hanna $300
66 Saml Hanna $300
65 $280
64 W. G. Curry $300
63 Free
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58 Free
$100 74
Free 75
Wm Brown $170 76
Free 77
Jno Hough Sr $200 78
J. W. Townly $200 79
Jno Humphrey $210 80
Jno. Cochran Donation 81
Free 82
J. O. Story $230 83
C. C. Sturgis $195 84
$185 85
L. McMullen $175 86
Free 87
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89
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109 Sharp $50
108 Free
107 $60
106 C. Lewis $70
105 T. Hall $80
104 $125
103 Free
102 Jno. Brown $110
101 $100
100 J. L. Edwards $100
99 J. E. Hill $75
98 Free
97 Jno. Cochran $60
96 J. L. Humphrey $50
95 Wm Britton $50
94
93 Free

n Motion J. L. Williams, Wm. H. [illegible]
John Hough Jr were appointed a committee
make a report of proceedings had in the
aluation of the pews and terms of sale of
pews to be had on Thursday evening the 11th
day of November 1852.

On Motion R. W. Townley, John Cochrane and John Hough Jr were appointed a committee to rent such pews as might remain unsold after the public sale and subject to rent at the rate of six per cent on their valuation and subject to such equitable tax as may be assessed by the Trustees from time to time in pursuance of the resolution No 7 passed at the meeting of March 24. 1845.

Meeting then adjourned to meet in the Church Thursday evening Nov 11th 1852 at the sale of pews.

John Hough Jr
Secretary.

At a meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne held in the church Thursday evening Nov 11th 1852 pursuant to Public notice Smallwood Noel was called to the Chair & John Hough Jr was chosen Secretary

On motion of J. L. Williams the Committee previously appointed made the following report.

Your Committee appointed at a meeting of the session Trustees & Building Committee held in the basement of this church on the evening of Wednesday Nov 11th to Draft a general report of the several meetings had to ascertain the cost of the church, fix a valuation on the pews and arrange the terms of sale to be reported which the church is erected. That the Committe on valuation have taken this sum as thei basis & have fixed the valuation in accorda with the plat reported to the meeting of Nov 1852 which they present herewith for the confirmat of this meeting. Your committee also report th following terms of sale

All subscriptions actually paid either for th erection of the building or purchase of lots to received in payment of pews

The balance over amount of subscription if exceeding 150. to be paid 1/3 cash balance in six months with interest but if the balance does not exceed 150 1/3 cash and balance in three months with interest. Note to be given for deferred payments without relief from valuation or appraisement laws a discount to be made for cash on deferred payments at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Pews to be sold to the highest bidder but not below the valuation of the same

No deed to be given for a pew till final payment is made on the same.

On motion of Allen Hamilton the foregoing report was adopted and the valuation of the pews and terms of sale approved and fully confirmed.

On motion of Samuel Hanna it was

Resolved that the thanks of this church & congregation be tendered to John Cochrane for the labor & skill bestowed by him as the architect in the erection & completion of the beautiful edifice now occupied by this church

On motion of John Hough Jr it was

Resolved that the resolution of the session trustees & building committee

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tified by this congregation and said donation
imed to said Cochrane
ter some discussion Rev Wm Edwards made
me appropriate remarks with reference to the
lling of the Pews when the Chairman
appointed Robert W Townly Salesman to sell
the pews at auction & John Hough Jr Clerk of
Sales which were to be deed, marked on the
plat as registered in the minutes of the church
The sales being closed the congregation
adjourned "sine die

John Hough Jr
Secretary.

[illegible] meeting the congrega
of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Way
On Motion Samuel Hanna was called
the Chair & John Hough was chosen Secret
Rev Mr Lowrie then opened with Praye
after which he stated the object of the
meeting to be to consider the question
of enlargeing the present church edific
After some discussion on the part
of Messrs Lowrie, Hanna. William
Cochrane & others On Motion of
J. L. Williams it was

1 Resolved. 1st That, it is the sense of this congregation that the time has come when the enlargement of the church, edifice is expedient, and that with gratitude to the head of the church for that prosperity unity and grow th which makes such enlargement, necessary we will enter upon the work without needless delay.

2 Resolved That the plan of enlargement presented by Mr Cochrane, be adopted subject to any minor changes which he may find necessary or expedient under the sanction of the building committee.

3. Resolved That the general principles respecting, the appraisal, sale, and renting of pews, and the levying thereon an annual tax, the reservation of free pews &c adopted at the Congregational meeting held March 24. 1845. be recognised as applicable to the addition now contemplated

4. Resolved. That for the purpose of placing all

pews, by purchase or rent, at that time relinquish the same, each pewholder retaining as stock, the present assessed value of his pew or pews which together with whatever he may have paid on the late subscriptions for completing the church, shall be received in payment for pews in the new building, to the extent that may be needed for his own family accommodation. All subscriptions for the enlargement shall be receivable for purchase of pews to a like extent, provided that any person or persons who object to such relinquishment have the right to retain their pew or pews, if they so elect at the sale of pews.

5. Resolved That in the completion of the enlargement all pews new and old about 170, in number shall be equitably appraised at their relative value as a basis for future taxation the aggregate valuation to equal the then total cost of the building, to wit the original cost thirteen thousand five hundred dollars the subsequent expenditure in completing the cupola &c Twelve Hundred dollars together with the actual cost of this addition, now estimated at Six thousand dollars.

6. Resolved That at this appraisement as the minimum, the pews be

the congregation may assess fro
time to time for the Pastors sala
and other congregational expense
and the pews remaining unsol
to be offered at annual rent for
sum equal to such yearly tax
If at the sale or renting two or mo
persons shall select the same pew
it shall be sold or rented to the
highest bidder.

7 Resolved That the building
and finance Committee procee
immediately to circulate a subscrip
for this object, upon the basis of
these resolutions, that if possible,
they contract, the whole amount
for a specific sum, and that no
contract be made until the
actual cost be first subscribed

8 Resolved That the following
persons constitute a building
and finance committee, to wit.
John Cochran, Samuel Hanna
Allen Hamilton, Joseph L. Actman
Pliny Hoagland. Jesse L. Williams
A. L. Brandriff C. P. Morgan and
John Hough.

After some discussion the
foregoing resolutions were put
& passed separately by a large
majority.

On motion of Samuel Hanna it
was Resolved That the Committee
be instructed to prepare and
circulate a paper for signature
stipulating for the relinquishment

the meeting adjourned till Monday evening the 3d of August to consider and vote upon the foregoing resolutions as a whole
John Hough
Secy.

Fort Wayne Aug 3d 1863
Pursuant to adjournment the congregation met. Saml Hanna in the Chair. John Hough Secy. Opened with prayer by Rev Mr Lowrie. The building & finance Committee reported that there had been the sum of three thousand dollars had already been subscribed towards the extension of the church edifice & the prospect was very favorable for the raising of the whole amount.
The question on the passage of Resolutions presented at the last meeting was then taken up & after some discussion on the part of Mess Humphrey Ayres Lowrie Hanna Williams and Hough they were passed as a whole by a large majority. The committee then presented the paper prepared for the renting instrument of pews under Resolutions No. 4 which was generally signed. Meeting then adjourned "sine die"
John Hough
Secy.

a Meeting of the Trustees & Building Committee held at the office of Jno Hough Aug 31. 1863 S. Hanna was chosen the chairman & J Hough Secy

Cochrane Humphrey & Co there submitted an offer to build the proposed addition to the church as follows. "We propose to build the proposed addition to the First Pres Church according to the plan & specifications for the sum of six thousand ~~do~~ three hundred dollars furnishing all the material and labor necessary to construct said addition" signed Cochrane Humphrey & Co which proposition was accepted & signed by the building committee

Whereupon Committee adjourned

Saml Hanna
Chairman

J Hough Secy.

April 20. 1868.

New board of Trustees met, at the Office of John Hough, present. J. D. Putnam N. N. Putnam John Hough. O. P. Morgan & L. B. Root who being duly sworn & qualified proceed to organise by electing. J. D. Putnam President, John Hough Secretary & H. N. Putnam Treasurer.

The salary of the Treasurer was fixed at $200 & he was instructed to employ Mr Shoemaker as Sexton at a salary of $250.

On motion of L. B. Root, O. P. Morgan and N. N. Putnam, were appointed a committee to contract for & superintend the change of the north west Room of the basement of the church into a room for the Pastors study, and to make such alterations & repairs in the basement as may be required for the comfort of the Congregation, also to select & set out trees in the yard, to build a cistern, to repair Spouts & generally to do such other work in & about the building as necessity & comfort require.

On motion adjourned on call of the President.

John Hough
Secy.

J. D. Putnam Pt

Pursuant to call of President, Board met at the office of John Hough, present Nuttman, Hough Putnam & Root

Proceedings of last meeting read & approved. Treasurer presented the followings bills Emerich $49.75. Hattersly $60.66 Myers Bros $15.31 Morgan $49.30. McDougal $118.55 Chamberlain $72.00 which were approved & ordered to be paid

On Motion of Root the Treasurer was instructed to prepare a Subscription to the amount of $500 to pay debts on which he be allowed 5 per cent for collection.

On Motion of Hough, the Treasurer was instructed, to add to his Monthly Notices, a special notice to delinquents, that Pew Rents must be paid promptly, or their Pews be released to other parties.

John Hough Secy. I L Nuttman Pt

Nov 12. 1868

Pursuant to call of President Board met, at the usual place, a full board present.

On Motion of Hough. Secretary was directed to prepare a paper ~~to~~ present to the congregation, stating that subscription was a failure, & an assessment was required to pay debts & to appeal to the congregation for prompt payment.

Pursuant to call of President Board met at the office of John Hough
Present Nutman. Hough Morgan &
Putnam.
On Motion Treasurer was ordered to notify the parties that the following pews, would be rented to other parties, unless all arrears were paid within thirty days from date of Notice

James Story	Pew	No	125
W^m Mc Elfatrick	"	"	124
A Wells	"	"	108
N J Evans	"	"	62

& written notice to be served on the parties above named
Adjourned

John Hough Secy. S D Whitcomb

Decr 22. 1868

Pursuant to call Board met at the usual place absent Root.
On Motion Secretary was ordered to prepare a Report, for the annual meeting, stating that through private subscription over $2000 had been raised & the entire indebtedness of the church liquidated, and recommending an assessment for 1869 of 25 per cent on Pews to pay current expenses & to create a reserve fund to meet extraordinary expenses
On motion. Ordered to counsel the Trustees of 3^d church as to conveying to them the Lots on which this church is situated

To Bal of Settlement up 1st Sept 1842		2 00.
Cr		
By Cash recd. of E L Williams	60 00	
	25.00	
" " " " I. C. Hite	5.00	
" " " " S Hanna	2.50	
" " " " Cohran	5.00	
" " " " J L W	3.00	
" " "		100.00
		100.00
Bal due A. J. R.		
By Cash of Hanna	10.00	
" " " Hamilton	10.00	
" " " Hill	10.00	30.00
		70.00
By Sallery for year ending Sept 1st 1843.		500.00
		570.00
~~By~~ To Recd of Borten	5.00	
Morgan & Lacey	2.00	
L L Williams	25.00	
L C Evans	5.00	
Randle	2.00	
Morsan	5.00	
Richard	5.00	
Hamilton	50.00	
Page	3.00	
Sharp	3.00	
Olds	3.00	
W G Ewing	10.00	
J H Jacoby	5.00	
Stewart	5.00	
Hanna	30.00	
John Cohran	10.00	
Humphrey	15.00	
of Stout & Lucas	4.00	
" S Hanna	5.00	
Calhoun	3.00	

.53

~~To~~ Other Side Cr		$570.00
~~Dr~~		197 00
Bal due A.J.		373.00
To Acct of Mrs Evans	15.00	25 00
" " " I Edsill	10 00	
		348.00
By services since 1843		75 00
		423.00
Mr Hamilton in goods	5.40	
Hanna — in acct	10.00	
J Edsall —	5.00	
Edwards ~~[illegible]~~	1.00	
Cash	33.75	54.75
~~Ham~~		368.25
Recd M Haines		7 00
		367.25
To Note on John Kerick		40 00
		327.25
~~Cash of J Hanna~~		~~5 00~~
		~~322.25~~
Hamiltons subscription for Arrears	20.	
Hanna " " "	20.	
Hills " " "	10.	50.00
Cr		271.25
By Cash of Sturges	5.00	
" " " Cohran	7.00	12 00
		259.25
" — John Edsall —		10 00
		249.25
By John Sweeny	8.00	
" Noel	9.66	
" I Coquman	2.00	
" by Wm Steward	10.00	
" " J Spencer	5.00	
" Stokes	7.10	
" Naylor	3.00	
" B H Tanner	41 00	84.76

" Am " Mathew Griggs	10.00		
" " pr Barnett " "	12.00	27.00	
		137.49	

J. E. Till acct	20	
J. L. Williams	15	
A Hamilton	15	
B H Lunn	15	
J. Cochran	10	
H P Hays	5	
James Humphreys	5	pay J Edsall
Emery	5	"
P. Timmy acct	10	
S Hanna	15.37	
A McQuarter	10	Edsal 5 & Schall Bell 5
Amt pd R W Taylor	12.12	
	137.49	

The above acct with Rev A T Rankin
settled Nov 4th 1844

S Hanna

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